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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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OR

Attorney Docket Number	20434-718
First Named Inventor	Islam
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	09/550,730
Filing Date	April 17, 2000
Group Art Unit	2874
Examiner Name	Not assigned

As a below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BROADBAND SAGNAC RAMAN AMPLIFIERS AND CASCADE LASERS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which
 is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 04/17/2000 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 09/550,730 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	NO
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Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/028 attached hereto:

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(h) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/028 attached hereto.
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DECLARATION — Utility or Design Patent Application

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the application is not designated in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 31 U.S.C. 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
09/110,696	07/07/98	
08/773,482	12/23/96	

Additional U.S. or PCT international application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/028 attached hereto.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 

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Registered practitioner(s) name/registration number listed below

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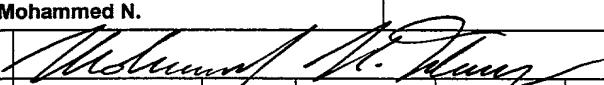
Name	Registration Number	Name	Registration Number
Paul Davis	29,294	David Weitz	38,362
John Bruckner	35,816	Barbara Courtney	42,442
Richard Gregory	42,607	Van Mahamed	42,828
Shaleish Mehra	44,834	Stephen Warhola	43,237

Additional registered practitioner(s) named on supplemental Registered Practitioner Information sheet PTO/SB/02C attached hereto.

Direct all correspondence to: Customer Number or Bar Code Label OR Correspondence address below

Name	Paul Davis		
Address	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati		
Address	650 Page Mill Road		
City	Palo Alto		
Country	U.S. Telephone 650-493-9300		
	Fax 650-493-6811		

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name of Sole or First Inventor:	<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor						
Given Name (first and middle (if any)	Family Name or Surname						
Mohammed N.	Islam						
Inventor's Signature							
Residence: City	Allen	State	TX	Country	US	Citizenship	US
Post Office Address	907 Twin Creeks Drive						
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City	Allen	State	TX	ZIP	75013	Country	US
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors are being named on the _____ supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto:							

POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE TO EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 WITH REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS

The undersigned ASSIGNEE of the entire interest in:

U.S. Patent No. _____
 U.S. application no. 09/550,730, filed on April 17, 2000

hereby appoints the following attorneys of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati:

Attorney Name	Reg. No.	Attorney Name	Reg. No.
Paul Davis	29,294	John J. Bruckner	35,816
David J. Abraham	39,554	David J. Weitz	38,362
George A. Willman	41,378	U.P. Peter Eng	39,666
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Richard L. Gregory	42,607	Van Mahamed	42,828
Stephen Warhola	43,237	Chen, Shirley	44,608
Shaliesh Mehra	44,934		

and all Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati attorneys registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith and hereby revokes all prior powers of attorney; said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventors and the inventors' attorneys in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

The following evidentiary documents establish a chain of title from the original owner to the Assignee:

(complete one of the following)

a copy of an Assignment attached hereto, which Assignment has been (or is herewith) forwarded to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording; or
 the Assignment recorded on _____ at reel _____, frames _____ - _____.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) the undersigned Assignee hereby states that evidentiary documents have been reviewed and hereby certifies that, to the best of ASSIGNEE's knowledge and belief, title is in the identified ASSIGNEE.

Direct all correspondence and telephone calls to:

Name	Paul Davis				
Address	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati				
Address	650 Page Mill Road				
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ASSIGNEE: XTERA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Name: Mohammed Islam
 Mohammed Islam, Chairman

Date: 7/25/00

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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

Docket Number 20434-718

Whereas, the undersigned:

1. ISLAM, Mohammed N.
907 Twin Creeks Drive
Allen, TX 75013

hereinafter termed "Inventors", have invented certain new and useful improvements in

BROADBAND SAGNAC RAMAN AMPLIFIERS AND CASCADE LASERS

for which an application for United States Patent was filed on April 17, 2000, Application No. 09/550,730
 for which an application for a United States Patent was executed on and

WHEREAS, Xtera Communications, Inc., a corporation, having a place of business at 5800 Granite Parkway, Suite 300, Plano, TX 75024, (hereinafter termed "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention disclosed therein, and in and to all embodiments of the invention, heretofore conceived, made or discovered jointly or severally by said Inventors (all collectively hereinafter termed "said invention"), and in and to any and all patents, inventor's certificates and other forms of protection (hereinafter termed "patents") thereon granted in the United States and foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration acknowledged by said Inventors to have been received in full from said Assignee:

1. Said Inventors do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest (a) in and to said application and said invention; (b) in and to all rights to apply for foreign patents on said invention pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or otherwise; (c) in and to any and all applications filed and any and all patents granted on said invention in the United States or any foreign country, including each and every application filed and each and every patent granted on any application which is a divisional, substitution, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any of said applications; and (d) in and to each and every reissue or extensions of any of said patents.

2. Said Inventors hereby jointly and severally covenant and agree to cooperate with said Assignee to enable said Assignee to enjoy to the fullest extent the right, title and interest herein conveyed in the United States and foreign countries. Such cooperation by said Inventors shall include prompt production of pertinent facts and documents, giving of testimony, execution of petitions, oaths, specifications, declarations or other papers, and other assistance all to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by said Assignee (a) for perfecting in said Assignee the right, title and interest herein conveyed; (b) for prosecuting any of said applications; (c) for filing and prosecuting substitute, divisional, continuing or additional applications covering said invention; (d) for filing and prosecuting applications for reissuance of any said patents; (e) for interference or other priority proceedings involving said invention; and (f) for legal proceedings involving said invention and any applications therefor and any patents granted thereon, including without limitation reissues and reexaminations, opposition proceedings, cancellation proceedings, priority contests, public use proceedings, infringement actions and court actions; provided, however, that the expense incurred by said Inventors in providing such cooperation shall be paid for by said Assignee.

3. The terms and covenants of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Inventors, their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

4. Said Inventors hereby jointly and severally warrant and represent that they have not entered and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Inventors have executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee as of the dates written below:

Date: 7/25/00


Mohammed ISLAM

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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) -- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN		Docket Number (Optional) 20434-718
Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier:	Mohammed Islam	
Application or Patent No.:	09/550,730	
Filed or Issued:	April 17, 2000	
Title:	BROADBAND SAGNAC RAMAN AMPLIFIERS AND CASCADE LASERS	
I hereby state that I am		
<input type="checkbox"/> the owner of the small business concern identified below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below		
NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN	XTERA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN	5800 Granite Parkway, Suite 330, Plano, TX 75024	
<p>I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.</p>		
<p>I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> the specification filed herewith with title as listed above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the application identified above <input type="checkbox"/> the patent identified above		
<p>If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).</p>		
<p>Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no such person, concern, or organization exists <input type="checkbox"/> each such person, concern, or organization is listed below.		
NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN		
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN		
<p>Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention stating their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).</p>		
<p>I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).</p>		
NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	<u>Mohammed Islam</u>	
TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER	<u>Chairman</u>	
ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING	5800 Granite Parkway, Suite 330, Plano, TX 75024	
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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Mohammed Islam

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

 Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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Execution Date: 07/25/2000

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Xtera Communications, Inc.

Street Address: 5800 Granite Parkway

Suite 300

City/State/Zip: Plano, TX 75024

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?

 Yes No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): 09/550,730

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No.(s): 09/550,730

B. Patent No.(s):

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Paul Davis
 Internal Address: FH 1-2
 Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
 650 Page Mill Road
 Palo Alto, CA 94304-1050

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: [1]

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$40.00

 Enclosed
 Authorized to be charged to deposit account
8. Deposit account number: 23-2415
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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Paul Davis, Reg No. 29,294

Name of Person Signing

Signature

Date

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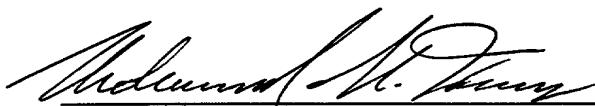
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Date: 7/25/00



Mohammed ISLAM